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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William Michael Lafferty Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/894,956 Examiner: Betty J. Forman
Filed: June 27, 2001
Title: CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

Commissioner for Patents
ATTN: Examiner Betty J. Forman
Group Art Unit No. 1634
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2003.

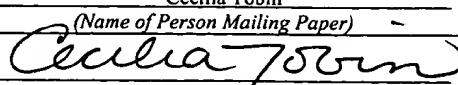
The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from February 14, 2003 to May 14, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, May 9, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, ATTN: Examiner Betty J. Forman, Group Art Unit No. 1634, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Enclosed is Check No. 536509 in the amount of \$465.00 for the Three (3) Months Extension of Time Fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 9, 2003



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